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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

CAO ET AL.

Examiner

Tom P Duong

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 August 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 9-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 9-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Applicants' remarks and amendments filed on 8/24/04 have been carefully considered. Claims 1-2, 11-12, 24, and 26 have been amended. Claims 1-3 and 9-26 are now pending in this application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

1. Claims 1-3 and 9-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Kennedy (6,395,861) in view of Blank (5,965,686). Regarding claims 1-3, 9-13, 15, 17-26, Kennedy discloses polyurethane coating (Col. 3, lines 25-32) with a long pot life (Col. 1, lines 40-45) on a golf ball outer surface (ionomer cover, Col. 7, lines 32-35) comprising: a fluorine chemical surfactant (Col. 6, lines 60-65); a solvent (Col. 5, lines 16-19); a base polyol and polyisocyanate (Col. 3, lines 59-61); drying accelerator mixture of Dibutyl tin dilaurate (Col. 2, lines 44-54 and Col. 6, lines 20-41); a primer coating (Col. 3, lines 34-38) comprises of aziridine (Col. 8, lines 1-2 and acrylic urethane (Col. 7, lines 40-42). Kennedy discloses the use of the above tin catalyst alone or in combination with other catalysts (Col. 6, lines 23-30) but fails to disclose the use of metal catalyst comprising zirconium. Blank '686 teaches the use of zirconium catalyst

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(Abstract) in urethane coating (Col. 1, lines 17-20) to provide a urethane coating with improved cured rate (Col. 6, lines 30-36) over conventional tin catalyst at low temperature or in the presence of moisture over conventional tin catalyst (Col. 1, lines 38-52). Thus, it would have been obvious in view of Blank to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify the urethane coating of Kennedy with the in addition of zirconium catalyst as taught by Blank to provide a golf ball coating with improved cure rate. Regarding claims 2 and 12, Blank discloses the use of zirconium with metal complex (Col. 6, lines 46-51). Regarding claims 9, 14, and 16, Kennedy discloses the urethane coating comprises of propylene glycol monomethy (Col. 5, lines 53-55) and hexamethylene diisocyanate, HDI (Col. 5, lines 1-3).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-3 and 9-26 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

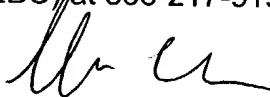
A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory

period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tom P Duong whose telephone number is (571) 272-2794. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00AM - 4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenn Caldarola can be reached on (571) 272-1444. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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